

UNION TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE UNION TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE UNION TWP. PLANNING BOARD
October 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dziubek opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - Present: Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mr. Mazza, Mrs. Dziubek
Others Present: Union Township Planning Board Members, J. Peter Jost, Carl Hintz, Planner, Steven Balzano, Environmental Consultant, Kevin Smith, Twp. Engineer and Ella M. Ruta, Twp. Clerk

Sunshine Law Announcement – “I would like to announce and have placed in the Minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by electronic mail to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; and by posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

1. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

a. Review/Update on Conformance to the Highlands Regional Master Plan

Mr. Balzano introduced the following subjects and explained some in a power point presentation:

- Highlands Regional Master Plan update and overview of the Highlands seven modules of conformance.
- Introduced Highlands Conformance schedule/requirements. Deadline to submit Petition for Basic Plan Conformance is December 8, 2009.
- Reviewed Highlands Buildout (Module 1 & 2)
- Explained details of the Highlands Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) Draft (Module 4)
- Presented revisions based on review by Highlands Subcommittee to the Highlands Master Plan Element Draft (Module 5). A 10-day Public Comment period will open on Module 5. Mr. Balzano asked that all concerns and suggestions be submitted by November 2nd.
- Gave general overview of the next meeting agenda scheduled for November 10, 2009.

Mr. Hintz, Twp. Planner gave a detailed explanation of the Model Highlands Element for Municipal Master Plans (Module 5) and provided a CD of the same to the Twp. Clerk.

b. PUBLIC COMMENTS – After both presentations Mayor Dziubek opened the meeting to Public Questions and Comments.

Various questions regarding both presentations were asked by Committeeman Severino regarding an article in the HC Democrat concerning Highlands and by Planning Bd. Chairman Brian Kirkpatrick concerning impervious area coverage and wood clear cutting (forest management practices). All questions and concerns were answered by Mr. Balzano and Mr. Hintz and will be considered when preparing the final document.

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Mr. Balzano once again stated that written comments should be submitted by November 2, 2009 to the attention of the Twp. Clerk.

Mr. Mazza thanked the Highlands Subcommittee and Mr. Hintz and Mr. Balzano for a great presentation and a job well done preparing all required documents.

c. **Other matters that may come before the Township Committee - NONE**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mr. Severino made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mazza seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ella M. Ruta
Municipal Clerk